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SUBJECT: FUNDING SUPPORT REQUEST TO ATTEND 2007 DRL  
CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 36953

1. (U) EMB Dhaka requests funding for Luke Zahner, POLOFF responsible for human rights and democracy issues, to attend the DRL conference being held in Washington July 18-20, 2007. Airfare from Dhaka to Washington and return is approximately \$4,300 and per diem costs approximately \$1,700.

2. (U) EMB Dhaka considers Mr. Zahner's attendance at the conference to be beneficial in providing Post's perspective on the current democracy and human rights situation in Bangladesh. Mr. Zahner has also been invited to speak at the conference on a panel dealing with elections. Funding assistance from DRL will enable Post to keep limited funds available for in-country human rights-related travel through the end of the current fiscal year.  
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